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The Dépôt of Plans of the Marine has not been less useful to me in the geographical part of my work. It was indeed the more necessary, as I could not have found elsewhere aught to supply it. The reader may judge of the treasures contained in this dépôt by the great number of maps and plans which enrich this work. I am indebted for what I have drawn from both first to the Count de Maurepas, who permitted my investigation of them; then to Mr. de Clerambaut, in charge of the former; and the Chevalier d'Albert, director of the latter. The public will understand as well as myself, that all the treasures of the latter required to be put in order by a skilful hand, like that of Mr. Bellin, chief-engineer at this dépôt.